

In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application. Applicant has submitted a new complete claim set showing the claims as pending and no amendments are requested at this time.

1. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media having executable instructions stored thereon that, when executed, implement a method comprising: ~~A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions, comprising:~~

providing a set of modes for interacting with a computing device, at least some of the modes selectable by a user of the computing device, the modes being associated with settings of the computing device, the computing device interacting with the user in a first mode;

~~detecting a characteristic of an environment of~~ a change in light incident to a display of the computing device, ~~the characteristic having changed;~~

determining at least one of the settings to change in response to the ~~changed characteristic~~ change in light incident to the display of the computing device; and

changing the at least one of the settings to cause the computing device to interact with the user in a second mode.

2. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 1, further comprising querying the user as to whether the user wants to interact with the computing device in the second mode.

3. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 1, wherein changing the setting is automatically done in response to the characteristic having changed.

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4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[4]] 1, wherein before the setting is changed, the display displays at a first intensity and wherein after the setting is changed, the display displays at a second intensity.

6. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[4]] 1, wherein the setting causes output to come from an audio device.

7. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 6, wherein the output is speech.

8. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 5, further comprising detecting that the characteristic has changed again and in response adjusting the display to display at the first intensity.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer-readable medium of claim 1, wherein the characteristic is an ambient noise surrounding the computing device.~~

One or more computer-readable media having executable instructions stored thereon that, when executed, implement a method comprising:

detecting a change in ambient noise surrounding a computing device; and

changing a volume setting to cause the computing device to change a speaker volume from a first volume level to a second volume level in response to the change in ambient noise.

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11. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein a speaker associated with the computing device stops outputting sound when the ambient noise is greater than or equal to a threshold.

12. – 23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) One or more [[A]] computer-readable media medium having computer-executable executable instructions stored thereon that, when executed, implement a method comprising: , comprising:

providing a plurality of computing device features to a user; applications, the applications-executable by a computing device, each application having one or more settings associated therewith, at least one of the settings indicating a mode for interacting with a user of the application associated with the setting;

detecting when an anxiety level of the user has increased that a characteristic of an environment of the computing device has changed; and

simplifying the plurality of features provided to the user in response to the increased level of user anxiety.

changing at least one of the settings in response, the at least one of the settings changed affecting a mode in which the computing device interacts with the user.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein simplifying the plurality of features ~~changing the at least one of the settings~~ occurs automatically.

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26. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, further comprising determining asking the user whether the user wants the plurality of features to be simplified ~~computing device to interact with the user in a different mode.~~

27. – 31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim ~~[[31]]~~ 24, wherein the anxiety level is detected via a galvanic skin response strip.

33. – 36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) A system for interacting with a user, comprising:
a keyboard configured to enter data into the system, said keyboard including a plurality of keys;

one or more sensors configured to detect that the user has difficulty in pressing multiple keys simultaneously ~~sense changes in an environment of the system;~~

~~one or more input devices configured to enter input into the system;~~

~~one or more output devices configured to output data to the user; and~~

an engine configured to query the user regarding whether the user wants to enable sticky keys; and ~~receives data from the one or more sensors and determine a mode in which the system interacts with the user.~~

wherein the engine is further configured to enable sticky keys if the user indicates that the user wants to enable sticky keys.

38. – 44. (Canceled)

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